# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

STEINHARDT et al.

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**PATENT** 

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For: DEVICE TO GENERATE EXCITED/IONIZED PARTICLES IN A PLASMA

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

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#### --Related Applications

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP99/07617, filed October 11, 1999, which claims priority from German Application No. 19847848.8, filed October 16, 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "one of Claim 1 or 2" to -- Claim 1--;

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of Claim 1 or 3" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of Claims 1 to 4" to -- Claim 1--;

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